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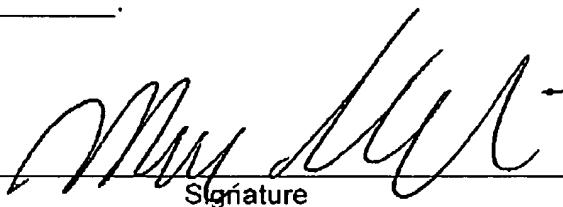
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Dear Examiner Cameron:

Applicants request a status of the above-identified patent application.

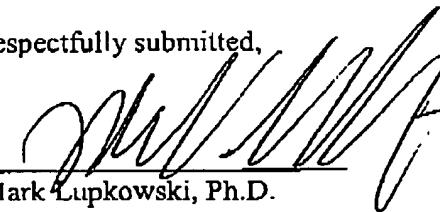
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